

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 27, 2005.

Trudi Thompson

Applicant	: Brad Bassler, et al.	Confirmation No.3388
Application No.	: 10/534,374	
Filed	: October 4, 2005	
Title	: AMORPHOUS ALLOY STENTS	
Grp./Div.	: 3738	
Examiner	: Suzette Jaime J. Gherbi	
Docket No.	: 51517/L471	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 37 CFR § 1.97(b)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Post Office Box 7068
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068
April 27, 2006

Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO/SB/08A/B listing the references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the references listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" and "Other Documents" are enclosed. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of FORM PTO/SB/08A/B be entered in the application file and returned to applicant with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

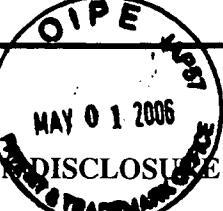
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By

John W. Peck
Reg. No. 44,284
626/795-9900

JWP/tt

Enclosures: PTO/SB/08A/B, w/references

 FORM PTO/SB/08A/B (10-01) Substitute for PTO-1449A/B INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)	Attorney Docket Number	51517/L471
	Application Number	10/534,374
	Filing Date	October 4, 2005
	Applicant(s)	Brad Bassler, et al.
	Group Art Unit	3738
	Examiner Name	Suzette Jaime J. Gherbi

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	Cite No. ¹	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number - Kind Code ² (If Known)	PUBLICATION DATE MM-DD-YYYY	NAME OF PATENTEE
/S.G./		3,989,517	11/02/1976	Tanner et al.
		4,050,931	09/27/1977	Tanner et al.
		4,064,757	12/27/1977	Hasegawa
		4,067,732	01/10/1978	Ray
		4,113,478	09/12/1978	Tanner et al.
		4,116,682	09/26/1978	Polk et al.
		4,116,687	09/26/1978	Hasegawa
		4,126,449	11/21/1978	Tanner et al.
		4,135,924	01/23/1979	Tanner et al.
		4,148,669	04/10/1979	Tanner et al.
		4,623,387	11/18/1986	Masumoto et al.
		4,648,609	03/10/1987	Deike
		4,721,154	01/26/1988	Christ et al.
		4,743,513	05/10/1988	Scruggs
		4,976,417	12/11/1990	Smith
		4,987,033	01/22/1991	Abkowitz et al.
		4,990,198	02/05/1991	Masumoto et al.
		5,032,196	07/16/1991	Masumoto et al.
		5,053,084	10/01/1991	Masumoto et al.
		5,053,085	10/01/1991	Masumoto et al.
		5,213,148	05/25/1993	Masumoto et al.
		5,250,124	10/05/1993	Yamaguchi et al.
		5,279,349	01/18/1994	Horimura
/S.G./		5,288,344	02/22/1994	Peker et al.

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	/Suzette Gherbi/	DATE CONSIDERED	02/02/2008
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.pto.gov or MPEP 901.4. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Language Translation is attached.			

FORM PTO/SB/08A/B (10-01) Substitute for PTO-1449A/B	Attorney Docket Number	51517/L471
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		
(use as many sheets as necessary)		
MAY 01 2006 RECEIVED U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	Application Number	10/534,374
	Filing Date	October 4, 2005
	Applicant(s)	Brad Bassler, et al.
	Group Art Unit	3738
	Examiner Name	Suzette Jaime J. Gherbi

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS <i>/S.G./</i>	Cite No. ¹	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number - Kind Code ² (If Known)	PUBLICATION DATE MM-DD-YYYY	NAME OF PATENTEE
		5,368,659	11/29/1994	Peker et al.
		5,380,375	01/10/1995	Hashimoto et al.
		5,384,203	01/24/1995	Apfel
		5,449,425	09/12/1995	Renard et al.
		5,482,580	01/09/1996	Scruggs et al.
		5,567,251	10/22/1996	Peker et al.
		5,711,363	01/27/1998	Scruggs et al.
		5,797,443	08/25/1998	Lin et al.
		5,886,254	03/23/1999	Chi
		5,950,704	09/14/1999	Johnson et al.
		6,021,840	02/08/2000	Colvin
		6,027,586	02/22/2000	Masumoto et al.
		6,044,893	04/04/2000	Taniguchi et al.
		US 6,200,685 B1	03/13/2001	Davidson
		US 6,258,183 B1	07/10/2001	Onuki et al.
		US 6,306,228 B1	10/23/2001	Inoue et al.
		US 6,371,195 B1	04/16/2002	Onuki et al.
		US 6,376,091 B1	04/23/2002	Croopnick
		US 6,408,734 B1	06/25/2002	Cohen
		US 6,446,558 B1	09/10/2002	Peker et al.
		US2001/0052406 A1	12/20/2001	Kubota et al.
<i>V</i>		US 2002/0036034 A1	03/28/2002	Xing et al.
<i>/S.G./</i>		US 2002/0050310 A1	05/02/2002	Kundig et al.

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	/Suzette Gherbi/	DATE CONSIDERED	02/02/2008
--------------------	------------------	-----------------	------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.pto.gov or MPEP 901.4. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Language Translation is attached.

FORM PTO/SB/08A/B (10-01) Substitute for PTO-1449A/B INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)	Attorney Docket Number	51517/L471
	Application Number	10/534,374
	Filing Date	October 4, 2005
	Applicant(s)	Brad Bassler, et al.
	Group Art Unit	3738
	Examiner Name	Suzette Jaime J. Gherbi

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (If Known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶ (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
/S.G./		JP06-264200	09/20/1994	Masumoto et al.	
/S.G./		JP2000-256811	09/19/2000	Tanaka Kikinzoku Kogyo KK	

OTHER DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article, title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
/S.G./		Zhang et al., "Amorphous Zr-Al-TM (TM=Co, Ni, Cu) Alloys with Significant Supercooled Liquid Region of Over 100K", Materials Transactions, JIM., 1991, Vol. 32, No. 11, pp. 1005-1010
		Inoue et al., "Zr-Al-Ni Amorphous Alloys with High Glass Transition Temperature and Significant Supercooled Liquid Region", Materials Transactions, JIM, 1990, Vol. 31, No. 3, pp. 177-183
		Tanner et al., "Physical Properties of Ti ₅₀ Be ₄₀ Zr ₁₀ Glass", Scripta Metallurgica, June 22, 1977, Vol. 11, pp. 783-789
		Tanner, L.E., "Physical Properties of Ti-Be-Si Glass Ribbons", Scripta Metallurgica, 1978, Vol. 12, pp 703-708
		Hasegawa et al., "Superconducting Properties of Be-Zr Glassy Alloys Obtained by Liquid Quenching", May 9, 1977, pp. 3925-3928
		Tanner, L.E., "The Stable and Metastable Phase Relations in the Hf-Be Alloy System", Metallurgica, Vol. 28, 1980, pp 1805-1815
		Maret et al., "Structural Study of Be ₄₃ Hf _x Zr _{57-x} Metallic Glasses by X-Ray and Neutron Diffraction", J. Physiq, 1986, Vol. 47, pp 863-871
↓		Jost et al., "The Structure of Amorphous Be-Ti-Zr Alloys", Zeitschrift fur Physikalische Chemie Neue Folge, Bd. 157, 1988, pp. 11-15
/S.G./		Tanner et al., "Metallic Glass Formation and Properties in Zr and Ti Alloyed with Be-I The Binary Zr-Be and Ti-Be Systems", Acta Metallurgica, 1979, Vol. 27, pp. 1727-1747

TXT IRV1095718.1-*04/27/06 2:29 PM

EXAMINER SIGNATURE	/Suzette Gherbi/	DATE CONSIDERED	02/02/2008
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.pto.gov or MPEP 901.4. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Language Translation is attached.			

Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE